

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of United States Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon Jay Stone.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon Jay Stone upon his tragic and sudden death, and for his bravery and commitment to serving his country in its armed forces.

WHEREAS, Petty Officer 2nd Class Stone was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1986, and lived in Colorado for sixteen years before returning to Baton Rouge in 2003; and

WHEREAS, he attended Central High School, and obtained his GED diploma, and having been interested in computers since he was young, and being able to type one hundred thirty-five words per minute, he became a computer-communication specialist; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer 2nd Class Stone enlisted in the United States Navy in 2007, and served in Afghanistan, volunteering with an Army unit as an independent augmentee, and became a battle non-commissioned officer for the Camp Phoenix Base Defense Operations Center, and after his twelve-hour night shift was completed he often volunteered for numerous convoy missions off base to ensure sufficient manpower; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer 2nd Class Stone was awarded ten medals, including the coveted Cavalry Combat Spur Medal, which only seven other Navy personnel have been awarded, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal, for his

1 courageous service and heroism in defense of freedom and liberty; and

2 WHEREAS, Petty Officer 2nd Class Stone truly embodied the Navy's motto: honor,
3 courage, and commitment; and

4 WHEREAS, he loved being in the Boy Scouts, playing computer games, especially
5 EverQuest, and playing sports, especially soccer and wrestling, riding four-wheelers, and
6 hunting; and

7 WHEREAS, Petty Officer 2nd Class Stone passed away on January 30, 2011, at his
8 home in Norfolk, Virginia, where he was stationed; and

9 WHEREAS, he will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him, especially his
10 mother Pat, father Charles, brother Eric, half-brother Brian, and half-sister Kelli; and

11 WHEREAS, Petty Officer 2nd Class Stone will forever be remembered as a brave and
12 courageous man and soldier, one who was always a gentleman, and went out of his way to
13 open a door for a lady; and

14 WHEREAS, friends and family mourn the loss of Petty Officer 2nd Class Stone, and
15 this state and nation mourns the loss of a truly brave American hero.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of United States
18 Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon Jay Stone for their great loss and for his faithful
19 service to this state and nation.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 family of Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon Jay Stone.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Danielle Doiron.

DIGEST

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